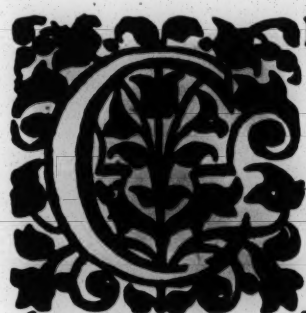




PROCLAMATION *Prohibiting the Nobility, and others
to withdraw from this Kingdom without Licence.*



CHARLES, by the grace of GOD, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith; To Our Lyon King at Arms, and his brethren Heralds, Macers, Pursevants, Messengers at Arms, our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally specially, constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch as the Lords of Our Privy Council, having taken to their consideration, That upon the great Disorders lately committed in some Western & other Shires, they did write to them, Requiring them in Our Name, to take such course therein, as might secure the peace in these places, With certification to them if they failed therein, they would imploy Our Authority for doing thereof: Which offer having received no satisfactory Answer, and they having declared, That they were not able to suppress those Disorders, nor free the Countrey thereof, We did Command and Warrant Our Privy Council, to arme such of Our Militia, and such others as should offer to serve Us for redressing the saids Disorders, and did authorize them to charge all Heretors and others, and if need be, all betwixt sixtie and sixteen, to come and attend Our Host under the pain of Treason, according to the ancient Laws of this Our Kingdom: In obedience to Our Royal Commands, the saids Lords have thought fit to send a Comitty of Our Council, to attend Our Forces so to be imployed: And therefore, lest any person should withdraw from the said Service, by going out of this Kingdom, We, with Advice of the saids Lords of Our Council, do hereby require and command all Noblemen, Heretors, and Magistrates of Burghs Royal (except actual Traffickers within Burghs) to remain and continue within this Kingdom, and not to depart forth thereof upon any pretext whatsoever, without special Licence from Our Council, as they will be answerable at their highest perill. Our Will is herefore, and We charge you straitly, and command, that incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat Cross of *Edinburgh*, and other places needful, and thereat, in Our Name and Authority, by open Proclamation, make publication of the Premises, that none pretend ignorance: The which to do, We commit to you conjunctly and severally, Our full power, by these Our Letters, delivering them by you duly execute and indorsed again to the Bearer.
Given under Our Signet at *Edinburgh*, the third day of *January*, 1678. and of Our Reign the 29. Year.

Thomas Hay Cls. Sti. Concilii.

G O D save the King.

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